

**STATE OF ARKANSAS**  
**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT**

**PROCLAMATION**

DR 16-22

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME -- GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: Severe storms that began July 14, 2016, and continued, have resulted in the loss of electric power and other utilities within the State of Arkansas, requiring utility companies and their crews to work long hours to restore such services as quickly as practicable; and

WHEREAS: Adverse circumstances have been brought to bear upon the citizens and public properties within the State; and

WHEREAS: 49 C.F.R. Section 390.23 authorizes a state governor to declare a regional emergency during the duration of the emergency conditions, not to exceed thirty (30) days from the date of the initial declaration of emergency, and to exempt any motor carrier or driver operating a commercial motor vehicle to provide direct assistance in providing emergency relief during an emergency from Parts 390 through 399 of Chapter 49, Code of Federal Regulations; and

WHEREAS: Ark. Const. Amend. 6, § 4 provides that the powers and duties of the office of Governor devolve upon the Lieutenant Governor when the Governor is absent from the State;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM GRIFFIN, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Arkansas, acting under the authority vested in me by Ark. Const. Amend. 6, § 4 and Act 511 of 1973, as amended, do hereby declare that a state of emergency exists in the State of Arkansas insofar as applied to utility company work trucks and trucks delivering repair materials to the utilities, and said state of emergency and the provisions of this proclamation shall exist and remain in effect until such time as emergency conditions shall cease to exist.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 15<sup>th</sup> day of July, in the year of our Lord 2016.



  
Tim Griffin, Lieutenant Governor

  
Mark Martin, Secretary Of State